

Cwm Taf Regional Collaborative Committee
28th February 2017
Orbit Centre, Merthyr Tydfil

Minutes

Attendees

Name	Organisation
Councillor Linda Mathews	MTCBC Cabinet Member (Chair)
Phillip Howells	Rhondda Cynon Taff CBC
Nicola Davies	Cwm Taf Health Board
Dave Jones	RCC Local Support Provider Rep
Barry Gallagher	RCC Local Support Provider Rep
Audrey Broome	RCC Local Support Provider Rep
Julian Pike	Merthyr Tydfil CBC
Lowri Morgan	Merthyr Tydfil CBC
Hannah Mills	Cwm Taf Regional Development Coordinator
Councillor Joy Rosser	Rhondda Cynon Taff Cabinet Member
Chris Price	SPIN Network

Apologies

Cheryl Emery	Rhondda Cynon Taff CBC
Julie McCarthy	RCC Landlord Representative
Paul Mee	Tackling Poverty Rep RCTCBC
Angela Stacey	RCC Landlord Rep
Giovanni Isingrini	Rhondda Cynon Taff CBC
Lisa Curtis Jones	Merthyr Tydfil CBC
Mark Anderton	Merthyr Tydfil CBC
Earl Smith	Probation
Angela Jones	Public Health
Steve Lynch	Welsh Government
Sarah O'Keefe	RCC Landlord Rep
Paul Mee	Rhondda Cynon Taff CBC
Derek James	Rhondda Cynon Taff CBC

Issues for decision

Item	Discussion/Action	By Whom	By When
Welcome, Introductions and Apologies	The Chair welcomed members and thanked them for attending. Apologies were noted.	LM	
Declarations Of Interest	None declared		

Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	<p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate reflection of proceedings with the exception of the following amendment:</p> <p>Change from '5 changes in health' to 'one more healthy behaviour'.</p> <p>Chair introduced Hannah Mills to members. HM is the new RDC who took over the Cwm Taf RDC vacancy in January.</p>		
Vice Chair of the RCC	<p>The group agreed to select a new Vice Chair. Members nominated Barry Gallagher who was unanimously agreed upon. BH will henceforth be the Vice Chair of the Cwm Taf RCC.</p> <p>ACTION: HM to write to Sheila Isles on behalf of the RCC to thank her for her service.</p>	HM	
Tackling Poverty Update	<p>PH gave an update for RCT stating that as per the announcement from Carl Sergeant, Communities First would be funded at 70% of its current funding from April 2017. An impact assessment is being compiled on the above. A £6 million legacy fund has been announced. RCT will make an application to this fund. £12 million has been announced for Communities for Work and Lift – awaiting new criteria for Families First.</p> <p>EOI's have been invited for the new Resilient Communities and Children's' Zones fund for targeted interventions to reduce ACE's. Selected areas of focus for Cwm Taf are Gurnos, Fendale and Tylerstown.</p> <p>The Chair raised concerns about the negative impact of the withdrawal of Communities First in communities and the likely effect on youth offending rates, domestic violence, young people and vulnerable families.</p> <p>The PSB and YOT have already written to WG expressing their concerns. Within Merthyr Tydfil there will also be a huge impact to the three voluntary sector organisations that are the grant recipient bodies for CF funding in the borough.</p> <p>LM added that changes across the tackling poverty funding streams might lead to an increased demand for SP support.</p>		

<p>Social services & wellbeing Act Update</p>	<p>ND: Implementation update - 16/17 the focus was older persons and carers. 17/18 focus will be children and learning disabilities. Work will be done to develop the children and young people's strategy which includes looked after children.</p> <p>A Workshop was planned on joint commissioning across health and social care and pooled budgets for IFS and Care Homes.</p> <p>Population needs assessment – Initial feedback has been positive. The assessment is now going through internal processes in the LA and UHB. Priorities for the future will be incorporating housing and education needs and VAWDASV should the needs assessment identify this requirement across the region.</p> <p>ACTION: The Chair requested that ND feedback to the Health Board the RCC's appreciation for this excellent piece of work.</p>	<p>ND</p>	
<p>Public Service Board</p>	<p>Welsh Government have asked for EOI's and volunteers to take part in a pilot scheme for new 'Children's Zones'. Data has been used to identify 3 areas within the region.</p> <p>ACTION: HM to circulate PSB briefing.</p>	<p>HM</p>	
<p>Cwm Taf Case Study Report</p>	<p>BG suggested case studies be anonymised to protect service users identities. Members agreed.</p> <p>Chair suggested we forward the case studies to Carl Sargeant, Local authority magazines and websites.</p> <p>JP suggested highlighting that traditional housing services would not have been able to make the impact that SP had in these cases for future case studies.</p> <p>ACTION: LM to anonymise case studies.</p> <p>ACTION: HM to publicise the report.</p>	<p>LM/ HM/ ALL</p>	

	<p>ACTION: Members send suggestions to HM re:- where they would like to publish.</p> <p>ACTION: HM to arrange to send to Carl Sergeant</p>		
FCA	<p>General discussion regarding the FCA. LM stated that Cymorth are formally advising all providers to register with at least 'minimum permissions' to ensure they are covered as it is a criminal offence to give advice if you are not registered. PH added that all providers in RCT must register - £200 fee.</p>		
Supported Accommodation Review	<p>CP gave a presentation on the Supported Accommodation Review and invited questions / comments.</p> <p>General discussion around potentially disproportionately negative effect on Wales as opposed to England. Discussion on implications of a distribution formula. CP encouraged MT and RCT to work closely with Housing benefit teams in preparation for changes. It is likely that the funds will be given directly to local authorities.</p> <p>ACTION: RDC to write to WG asking for clarification on who is leading on this and what are the plans for engagement with the regions.</p>	HM	
Rented Homes Act	<p>The issue of 48 hour exclusions was discussed. Conclusion was that LA's would like to be Informed when these exclusions are used so that SP teams can keep records.</p>	LM / CE	
Update on Regional Commissioning	<p>LM:- Work ongoing at the moment in MT regarding remodelling gateway to hostels with the potential to jointly commission across the region.</p> <p>As part of this work members asked for consideration to be given to the impact of LHA and to keep the RCC updated.</p>		
WG Substance Misuse Plan	<p>Members decided to delay the formation of a T&F group until we have established what work partners have already completed</p> <p>ACTION: PH will provide an update from the CSP in RCT – circulate to members in preparation for the next RCC.</p>	PH	

Items for discussion or Information

Outturns	Cwm Taf outturns were displayed and agreed. ACTION: e-copy to be circulated with the minutes by HM	HM	
Update from WG	LM: At the last RDC network meeting, it was requested that WG consider changing the submission dates for Outturns in January due to Christmas holidays. ACTION: Write to WG to express members desire for WG representation at RCC meetings whenever possible.	HM	
Update from Provider / Landlord Representatives	Nothing to feedback at this time.		
AOB SPNAB request (Policy Paper)	Members decided to considers the questions posed by SPNAB outside of the RCC meeting, HM will collate an RCC response for Cwm Taf. ACTION: HM to circulate Policy Paper and template for comments / suggestions. Mid-March		